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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. STK-077

Examiner Jegatheesan Seharaseyon  
Art Unit 1674

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of pending prior Application No. 09/374,936, (Confirmation No. 4340), filed on August 16, 1999 for

MODIFIED PROTEINS AND DNAs OF THE TFG- $\beta$  SUPERFAMILY,  
INCLUDING MODIFIED MORPHOGENIC PROTEINS

1. ☒ Please enter the Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on March 2, 2004 in Application No. 09/374,936.
2. ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☒ An Amendment/Reply is enclosed.
4. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) is/are enclosed.
5. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
6. ☐ A suspension of action on the above-identified patent application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.
7. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.
8. ☐ Please charge \$770.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
9. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in connection with this Request, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

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10. ☒ Please grant a ☐ one-month, ☒ two-month, ☐ three-month, ☐ four-month, extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to the Examiner's Action of January 2, 2004 in the above-identified patent application.
11. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 420.00 in payment of the extension-of-time fee is enclosed.
12. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension-of-time fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with this paper, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
13. ☐ Please charge the extension-of-time fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

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PATENT APPLICATION

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

In further response to the January 2, 2004  
Final Office action and in response to the March 26, 2004  
Advisory Action, applicants request continued examination  
and provide the following remarks, which are  
supplementary to applicants' March 2, 2004 Reply, now  
entered with the request for continued examination.  
Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under

Appln No. 09/374,936  
Reply and Amendment Accompanying RCE dated June 2, 2004  
Reply to Advisory Action dated March 26, 2004

37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2). With the extension, the deadline for filing a reply is June 2, 2004. Thus, the request for continued examination is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.